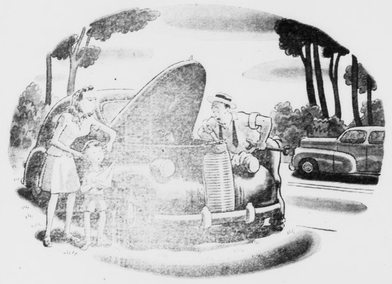

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FATHER DARKLEAF

By The Editor

During the war years most conventions were called off, due to the heavy programs and scarcity of accommodations. But now conventioneers are back in full stride and it seems that there are more conventions than ever.

Driving through Columbia, S. C., I bought a copy of the South Carolina Magazine. It was a nicely gotten up job and most interesting. We were pleased to note that one of the associate editors was Professor of Appomattox's Havilah Babcock, who heads the English department at the University of South Carolina. Another nod on Dr. Babcock in a recent issue of a magazine for writers, we noticed a review of fine writing on the outstanding and the sample was from a story from the typewriter of Havilah Babcock. It was, indeed, excellent prose.

While on our recent vacation we were on a boat cruise at Miami and Mother Brightleaf and other of our party started a conversation with a lady seated behind us who turned out to be the mother of Dallas's Arthur Godfrey. In the course while I struck up an acquaintance with a distinguished looking gentleman, seated in front of us. He asked where I was from, and when I said "Appomattox, Va.," he remarked, "Why I was born in Appomattox!" He was a distinguished person, Dr. Mochelle, from Indianapolis, Indiana. He said his parents owned a piece of property in Appomattox County, Va., and that he was born there in 1878. In 1881 the property was sold, he said, and the family moved to the mid-west, but he had never been back. He was a most interesting man, had traveled over much of the world, and had flown down to Miami for a short vacation.

During our trip, as we neared the southern part of Georgia, we fell into a discussion as to what city was the capital of the state. Some thought Atlanta, some Athens, some Macon. So we pulled up to a roadside fruit stand, and after purchasing some delicious peaches, we blandly inquired: "What is the capital of the state of Georgia?" Back came the reply: "Atlanta, sir."

At another stop in Georgia, we looked around until we found a copy of the Talmadge weekly newspaper. The Statesman. In fact, we came home loaded with newspapers purchased en route, including "El Mundo," of Havana, which we got at Miami. The Miami Herald and the Florida Times-Union had excellent papers, and we found the Atlanta Journal very popular. We picked up enough on our Spanish to read the "straight para hoy" weather forecast in El Mundo, but half of the guests at our hotel at the beach seemed to be from Havana.

Uncle Sam Says

This Independence Day your Uncle Sam salutes millions of fellow Americans who buy and own Savings Bonds—the payroll savers, the 2-a-Month farmers, professional people and the self-employed, the regular buyers of Savings Bonds in all walks of life—all of whom are showing good judgment in building their future financial independence and many future financial independence years.

U. S. Treasury Department

Bocock Tablet Is Presented To The State

A tablet to the memory of the honorable Thomas S. Bocock was presented to the Commonwealth of Virginia by the Virginia Division, United Daughters of the Confederacy, on Monday, June 30. The tablet has been placed on the wall of the old Hall of Delegates in the Capitol at Richmond, where Mr. Bocock presided over the Confederate House of Representatives throughout the War Between the States.

Miss Anne V. Mann, chairman of the U. D. C. committee, presided. She reviewed briefly the work of the committee since the project was inaugurated seven years ago, and presented the members of her committee: Mrs. Bernard C. Baldwin, of Lynchburg; Mrs. Cabell Flournoy, of Lexington, and Mrs. Wm. Abbitt Coleman, of Appomattox.

A number of descendants and relatives of Mr. Bocock were present: a daughter, Mrs. William Allen Roberts, of Chase City; two grandsons, Charles Price Reynolds, of Washington, and Dr. Cary Johnson, of the University of Virginia; three granddaughters, Mrs. Tyree Finch, of Chase City and Misses Eleanor and Anne Faulkner Johnson, of Richmond; four great-granddaughters, Misses Jane and Susan Johnson, Sally Bocock Finch and Anne Yates Reynolds. Also present was Mr. Bocock's nephew, Dr. Willis Bocock, of the University of Georgia, with Mrs. Bocock and their granddaughter, Miss Beeste Bocock, and Mrs. Henry D. Flood and Bolling Flood, of Washington.

Mrs. Lewis Littlepage, of Norfolk president of the Virginia Division, U. D. C., presented the tablet, which was accepted by Col. E. Griffith Dodson in the absence of the Governor. Colonel Dodson reviewed the course of the legislation by which its erection had been authorized, and mentioned that the resolution had been introduced by Senator Charles Moses, of Appomattox.

Mrs. Cabell Flournoy, of Lexington, spoke eloquently of Mr. Bocock's service to Virginia and to the nation. She said that after the war he received a flattering offer to make his home in New York, but, like General Lee, he preferred to share the sufferings and privations of his fellow Virginians.

In conclusion, Miss Mann read Mr. Bocock's speech accepting the position of Speaker of the Confederate House of Representatives and presented a copy to Mrs. Roberts on behalf of the committee.

Immediately after the ceremonies Mrs. Roberts entertained a number of guests at luncheon at the Country Club of Virginia.

Among those attending the ceremony and luncheon were Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Burke, Mrs. Wm. A. Coleman, Senator Charles T. Moses and N. Ragland Featherston.

Mississippi River crest moves below St. Louis.

Steel workers drop pledge of no strike.

French army overseas chief is recalled.

European aid parley collapses.

Cement Mixer in Bank Has Concrete Cash Use

LOS ANGELES.—That bright blue cement mixer in the Security-First National bank was revealed as a rolled coin "breaker-upper."

Rolls of coin must be broken up before they are accepted by Federal Reserve bank, and breaking up the rolls so the loose coin can be placed in sacks becomes quite a chore.

So Bill Ream, chief teller of the bank, conceived the idea of using a cement mixer. He placed some special gadgets on an ordinary mixer, which tosses the wrappers out of the hopper into a box, and the coins pour into sacks like concrete is dumped into a wheelbarrow.

The driver of this car disregarded a plainly marked warning sign and crossed the tracks directly into the path of a passenger train. His machine was swept up like a leaf and raked over the tracks. The driver and two occupants were killed. Signs, lights and bells are placed at crossings for the protection of motorists. Yet 2,000 were killed last year, and 70,000 injured, because they did not trouble to stop, look both ways, and listen for the warning whistle.

Rev. Brown Resigns Field

We are informed that the Rev. L. P. Brown, who for the past six years has been the popular and effective pastor of the New Hope group of Baptist Churches, recently tendered his resignation, effective August 1. We understand that he has accepted a field of churches including Reedy Springs, Union Hill, and Ebenezer, southwest of here. At present he is understood to be making plans to live just outside of Appomattox on the Red House Road.

Red Sox Ball Scores

RED SOX DROP TWO

After holding first place in the Virginia Central League for the first half of the season, the Appomattox Red Sox dropped to second place by losing both games over the week-end.

In Saturday's game, Hurt edged Appomattox 9 to 8, in a very close game. Hurt collected 16 hits to Appomattox's 10. Bass and Guill were on the mound for the Red Sox.

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At Miller Park in Lynchburg Sunday, Fairview Heights battled the Sox in a ten-inning game to win 8 to 7, and to take over the lead in the Central League. This was the fourth game between the two teams, and each team has now defeated the other twice.

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The Red Sox have four games scheduled for this week-end, three to be played here and one away.

On July 4th, Fairview Heights will play the Sox here at three o'clock. Saturday, the local team will play at Hat Creek, and Sunday Volens will be here for a double-header. First game will start at two o'clock.

NEWS BRIEFS:

Russian prestige is held reduced in Europe.

Spotted fever cases total 20 in Virginia.

Foreseen agreement that will prevent a soft coal strike. Miners to get wage increase, 35c hour.

U. S. treasury surplus applied to national debt.

State Department's plans to go ahead with plan for aid to Europe despite the objection of Russia.

Federal jury considering evidence in May-Garsa case.

Republicans may try again to get tax reduction legislation

Gen. Clark says Russian force in Austria is strong.

Most local stores will be closed for July Fourth.

Demonstration Club Schedule

Home Demonstration Agent's Schedule, week of July 7-12:

Holliday 4-H Club Camp will open with 4-H Club members from Appomattox, Amherst, Buckingham Nelson and Price Edward Counties attending, on Monday, July 7, and close Saturday, July 12.

An interesting program has been planned, which includes classes in swimming, etiquette, organization, recreation and handwork. The members will have a choice of refinishing wooden bowls, basketry, or stools.

Interesting programs are being planned for each evening in which club members participate.

There will be no scheduled Home Demonstration Club meetings for the week of July 7-12.

HARRIS FAMILY REUNION

A family reunion was held on Sunday, June 15, in honor of Sam Harris, in the home of his daughter, Mrs. L. E. Reynolds, of Spout Spring. A three-tier Father's Day cake, along with many other nice and useful gifts, was presented to Mr. Harris. He had with him for the day his brother, John Harris, and wife, of Roanoke, and the following children: Mrs. L. E. Reynolds, Mrs. Andrew Day, of Farmville; Jessie Harris, of Lebanon; Earl and Burleigh Harris, of Evergreen, and Melvin Harris, also of Evergreen; and Ed Harris, Lynchburg. Others present were: Mr. Reynolds, Harry and Jeannette Reynolds; Mr. Day and children, Mrs. Earl Harris and family; Mrs. Burleigh Harris and family; Mrs. Jessie Harris, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Reynolds and son, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Reynolds and sons, Mrs. E. W. Harris and junior, Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Childers and family, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ashworth, Mr. and Mrs. Neiland Hubbard, Mr. and Mrs. Al Engledove and family, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Moore and son, Mr. and Mrs. Bunk Harris, Mrs. C. D. O'Brien and children, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Mund and children, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Doss and family and Mrs. Ed Harris and family.

A picnic dinner was served on the lawn, and everyone had a most enjoyable day.

Indonesians fail to agree on new premier.

Mississippi dikes break in Illinois and Missouri.

Dogs Allowed to Bite Mailman Only Once

DETROIT. — Detroit's thousands of pet dogs face a stern federal edict. They have been forbidden to bite the mailman more than once.

Postmaster Roscoe B. Huston announced that mail delivery service would be cut off to any home whose canine pet exceeds the limit.

Perhaps unknowingly, the government reverted to an old principle of English common law, which holds that a dog cannot be penalized for his first bite.

Plans for July 4th.

Most Appomattox stores will observe the Fourth of July tomorrow by closing. Banks will be closed as the day is a legal holiday. Stores usually closing Wednesday afternoons remained open all this Wednesday, so as not to be closed two days in one week.

The local garment factory is observing holiday for the rest of the week.

Many local people will take advantage of the holiday to visit Holiday Lake, see ball games, or enjoy motor trips.

Legion To Hold Election July 25 At Holliday

David T. Robertson, Commander of American Legion Post 104, announced today that the post will have election of officers on Friday, July 25, 6:00 P. M., at Holliday Lake. Refreshments will be served at six, followed by the meeting at seven.

All veterans of World Wars I and II are especially requested to attend this important gathering. A. C. Clement, area director, Division of War Veterans' Claims, will explain claims procedure. His topic will be, "What Every Veteran Should Know."

All non-member veterans are urged to join the Legion, for it will not be essential that veterans belong to the post in order to attend this meeting. The members of the Legion Auxillary are invited to attend.

Alfred O'Brien Dies in W. Va; Funeral Today

Robert Alfred O'Brien, 48, died Tuesday, July 1, after a month's illness, in Huntington, W. Va. He was an adjudicator in the Veterans Administration. He was an attorney, formerly practicing here and in Roanoke, a veteran of World War I, and former adjutant of the local American Legion.

He is survived by a son, Robert Alfred O'Brien, Jr., of Richmond; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. O'Brien, of Appomattox, and three sisters, Mrs. Mildred Alvis, Mrs. E. Louis Dahl, and Miss Kate O'Brien.

Funeral services will be conducted from the home of his parents at 3:00 P. M. this afternoon, with burial in the family cemetery. Active pallbearers will be: Elliott Torrence, J. Allen Gills, William D. Morris, William O'Brien, H. A. Torrence and Clem H. O'Brien.

Skyline Standing

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SKYLINE TEAM STANDING

Team	W	L	Pct.
Big Island	11	3	.733
Buena Vista	10	5	.667
Appomattox	9	5	.643
Glasgow	7	7	.500
Salem	7	8	.467
Bedford	6	9	.400
Amherst	6	9	.400
Piney River	3	12	.200

GAMES SATURDAY:
Piney River at Appomattox
Amherst at Bedford
Salem at Big Island
Glasgow at Buena Vista

GAMES SUNDAY:
Appomattox at Big Island
Buena Vista at Amherst
Piney River at Salem
Bedford at Glasgow.

Lee Theatre plays at Camp Lee on July 4, and will go to Covington on July 9.

1947 Seen As Big Year For Tourist Trade

Appomattox should be in the top list of tourist attractions in the Old Dominion. Scene of the Surrender in 1865 ending the War Between the States, it has an untold drawing potential. It's historical scenes mostly undeveloped, it as a mecca for those visitors who like their history "as is".

All over America, vacationing citizens are making this a big year for tourist business, and they are spending more money than ever before. Travel predictions adding up to a gigantic tourist boom are being made by the Commerce Department, National Park Service, and automobile associations. The Commerce Department says vacationers will spend from six to ten billion dollars this year. Last year they spent an estimated six billion.

Among reasons for the travel upsurge, various things are listed: more vacations with pay for more persons, shorter working hours, improved recreation facilities and a back-log of desire to "see the country."

The National Park Service says it expects a record 23,000,000 visitors this year throughout the nation. This would top the previous record by 1,300,000.

The American Automobile Association recently estimated that 60,000,000 persons this year will go on vacations in 20,000,000 cars and will spend an average of $100 each. Air and foreign travel will also see increases.

REVIVAL AT ELON BAPTIST CHURCH, PAMPLIN, VA.

Revival services will begin at Elon Baptist Church in Pamplin, on Sunday night, July 6. The meeting will continue Sunday through Friday, at 8:00 o'clock each evening. The guest speaker will be the Rev. R. Wade Kay, pastor of the Northside Baptist Church, of Richmond. Everyone is cordially invited to attend these services.

Crawley Gets 4-H Degree

Professor L. Crawley was awarded a degree by the State 4-H Club organization recently for his contribution to the growth of that organization.

Holt With Feed Firm

It was announced this week that R. G. Holt, of Appomattox, will be connected with the Kasco Mills Company, as representative in the Lynchburg, Roanoke, Danville area. He will make his headquarters in Appomattox.

Barn Dance On July 12th.

Another presentation of the Old Dixie Barn Dance will be offered here at the high school auditorium at 8:00 P. M., Saturday July 12.

Favorite hillbilly entertainers in person will feature the show.

All-star baseball game to be played next Tuesday.

Ship strike talks bring no results.

Scientists start study trip to Bikini Atoll.

Collyer residence in New York to be demolished.

Truman gets use of new plane.

British seek food supply from Hungary.

Extremist plot is smashed in Greece.